(*g*) how many transfers there were in the said school during the last five years; and

(*h*) what factors determine the transfer of the staff of a school?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) An enquiry was made.

(*c*) A Mahomedan girl was suspended for four days, because she refused to apologise to the Headmistress after she had spoken insolently to the Headmistress.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) The member is referred to the answer to part (*c*).

(*g*) Ten changes were effected.

(*h*) In the case of this school, four transfers were effected by promotions, one by admission to a training course and five at the request of teachers. These are normal reasons for transfers.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): With reference to answer to (*b*) may I know the nature of the enquiry made?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): An enquiry in the usual way was made by the Assistant Inspectress on the spot. A report was submitted to me by the Inspectress.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Has the Director made any personal enquiry?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): No.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know from Government whether the Director has ever inspected that school?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): No.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know from the member whether there was any allegation in the petition to the effect that the report of the Headmistress was false?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I think there was some such allegation.

The allegation with reference to ill-treatment of the girl by the Headmistress appears to be incorrect.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know from the member whether any statement from the parent of the girl was taken?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I can't say that.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): With regard to the transfer of teachers at their request, out of the five, who were transferred, how many were transferred in the middle of the school year?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I cannot exactly mention the number off-hand. Transfers do sometimes take place in the middle of the school year.

Trivandrum-Kattakada and Nalukettu-Tirupuram Roads.

105. * MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): Are the Government aware that the neglected condition in which the Trivandrum—

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Kattakada road *via* Malayinkil and the Nalukettu—Tirupuram road are left, is causing considerable hardship to both pedestrians and passengers?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): No.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know from the member the approximate date on which the Chief Engineer received my interpellation?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I don't remember the exact date.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): In view of the fact that it is about three months since my interpellation was sent to Government, may I know from Government why he failed to make an enquiry about the neglected condition of the roads?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): The Chief Engineer did not fail to make an enquiry.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): I can't hear, Sir.

Bridge over the Alleppey-Shertala canal near Kommady.

106. ✻ **MR. K. M. KRISHNAN** (*Ambalapuzha II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of any representation made regarding the construction of a bridge over the Alleppey-Shertala canal near Kommady; and

(*b*) if so, whether Government have taken any steps in connection with that?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Estimate was prepared; but as it was found not suitable to the actual requirements, a recast estimate is being prepared by the Division Officer.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*): With reference to answer (*b*) what was the amount of the estimate that was prepared?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Rs. 16,000.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*): May I know from the member how was the estimate found not suited to actual work?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Because the heavy cost that would have to be incurred would not be justifiable for the locality and I have asked the Division Officer to recast the estimate making a substantial reduction and he is doing so.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*): May I know from Government whether the place where the bridge is to be constructed is adjacent to the Alleppey Town?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I think it is.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*): May I know from Government whether the required fund will be allowed in the next budget?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I cannot promise what will be allowed in the next budget.

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